

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 in the Board of Education Conference Room located in the Seaford Manor Elementary School, 1590 Washington Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783.

PRESENT: Mr. Brian W. Fagan – President  
Mr. Richard G. DiBlasio – Vice President  
Mr. Bruce A. Kahn – Trustee  
Ms. Susan Ruona - Trustee  
Ms. Jeanmarie Wink – Trustee

Mr. Brian L. Conboy  
Mr. Kenney W. Aldrich  
Mr. John Striffolino

At 7:06 a.m., the President of the Board of Education opened the Special Meeting. As the first order of business, Board President Brian Fagan led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPEN MEETING**

None

**OPENING REMARKS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Areas discussed concerning placing the Harbor Access Road Project on the October 16, 2012 Special Meeting ballot included:

**DISCUSSION – HARBOR  
ROADWAY PROJECT**

Mr. Conboy advised that Ingerman Smith and Bond counsel reviewed the finalized resolution

When should the Harbor Roadway project be again placed on the ballot

- October 16<sup>th</sup>
- Annual Budget Vote in May 2013
- Separate vote
- Pros/cons and concerns of each
- Costs for votes
- Ability to fund through operating budget
- State aid

Safety/concerns over ability to get out of Harbor in an emergency situation  
Revenue from sale of Seaford Avenue School would go into reserves for purposes that we deem appropriate going forward - money has to be given back within ten years

Roadway project tied to other projects

- Project would be aidable if attached to other project
- Plan to tie it to additional asbestos removal at Harbor

Effect, if any, on the outcome of the vote on the Sale of the Seaford Avenue School, due to placing the Harbor Access Road project on the same ballot

Work needed/involved in informing community properly on the sale of the Seaford Avenue School

Concerns about going back on contingency

Ms. Ruona - Would rather see it as a separate vote than with something else

Concerns over cost of additional vote

Important to give each issue appropriate and full attention

Mr. Kahn expressed concerns that given the short amount of time, an inadequate job would be done in getting information (presentations, website, flyers, etc.) to the public on two propositions. He added that it should be done right – focus on putting up the sale of the Avenue School and do the Harbor Roadway at a later date.

Mr. DiBlasio – fiduciary responsibility to place on ballot with something else;  
waste of taxpayer money to have alone  
Should place it on the October 16 ballot

Timeline, if any, for borrowing/projects concerning capital bond project  
Community opinion

Motion is to place Harbor Road project on the October 16 vote  
Benefit of having information concerning the 2013/2014 State aid package

Discussion continued on:

- Benefits/negatives of putting the Harbor Roadway project on a ballot by itself or with something else
  - Tax cap
  - Community sentiment
  - Closing out/current status of bond project
  - Future planning
- Place on future meeting for discussion after October 16<sup>th</sup> vote

Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Mr. Kahn, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SEAFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the Seaford Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), shall be held within the District, on **Tuesday, October 16, 2012**, at 7:00 o'clock A.M. (Prevailing Time) at the following voting places: (1) the Seaford Manor Elementary School, Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York for those persons residing in the First School Election District; and (2) the Seaford Harbor Elementary School, 3500 Bayview Street, Seaford, New York, for those persons residing in the Second School Election District; as provided in the Notice calling said Special District Meeting as hereinafter substantially prescribed. The voting at such Special District Meeting shall be by voting machine, as provided by the Education Law, and the polls shall remain open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on said day and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters, then present, to cast their votes.

Section 2. The business to be acted upon at said Special District Meeting shall be as stated in the Notice thereof, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notice of said Special District Meeting to be published in "*The Wantagh Seaford Citizen*," and in the Nassau Edition of "*Newsday*," two newspapers each having a general circulation in the District, such publications to be made four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such Special District Meeting, the first publications to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said Special District Meeting.

Section 3. Said Notice of Special District Meeting shall be substantially in the following form:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE SEAFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION  
SEAFORD HARBOR  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
ACCESS ROAD PROJECT**

HARBOR ACCESS ROAD PROJECT RESOLUTION (cont'd)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Education of the Seaford Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York, has adopted a resolution on August 21, 2012, authorizing a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at the following two voting places:

- (1) **The Seaford Manor Elementary School** Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York for those persons residing in the First School Election District
- (2) **The Seaford Harbor Elementary School** Bayview Street, Seaford, New York, for those persons residing in the Second School Election District for the purpose of voting upon the following Proposition:

**PROPOSITION NO. 2**

SEAFORD HARBOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCESS ROAD  
PROJECT

YES

NO

*WHEREAS, the voters of Seaford Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District") have heretofore on December 4, 2007, approved the expenditure of not to exceed \$21,577,404 for the construction of a building addition to the Seaford High School and alterations and improvements to all District school buildings and the sites thereof; and thereafter the Board of Education (the "Board") authorized the levy and collection of \$21,577,404 taxes therefore; and*

*WHEREAS, the Board has now determined that such building additions, alterations and improvements will be accomplished at a cost of not to exceed \$21,041,530, which will result in a savings of approximately \$535,874; and*

*WHEREAS, the Board has now further determined that it is necessary to construct a new access road at the Seaford Harbor Elementary School, which can be accomplished at a cost of not to exceed said \$535,874 savings.*

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That the Board is hereby authorized to construct a new access road at the Seaford Harbor Elementary School on land to be acquired by the District, and to expend for such purpose \$535,874; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$535,874 to pay such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and (c) that bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$535,874, and a tax is hereby authorized to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Such Proposition shall appear on the ballot label to be inserted in the voting machines used for voting at said Special District Meeting in substantially the following condensed form:

HARBOR ACCESS ROAD PROJECT RESOLUTION (cont'd)

**PROPOSITION NO. 2**

SEAFORD HARBOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCESS ROAD  
PROJECT

YES

NO

[Explanation: On December 4, 2007, the voters of Seaford Union Free School District (the "District") approved the levy and collection of a tax in the amount of \$21,577,404 to pay for a building improvement project (the "Project"); and such Project has been accomplished at a cost of approximately \$21,041,530 resulting in a savings of approximately \$535,874 and it is now desirable to construct a new access road to the Seaford Harbor Elementary School on land to be provided by the County of Nassau, (the "County") which can be accomplished at a cost of not to exceed said \$535,874 savings]

**RESOLVED:** (a) That the District is hereby authorized to construct a new access road at the Seaford Harbor Elementary School on a parcel of land provided by the County, and to expend for such purpose not to exceed \$535,874; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$535,874 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board; and (c) that bonds of the District are authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$535,874 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Brian Fagan - Nay  
Richard DiBlasio - Aye  
Bruce Kahn - Nay  
Susan Ruona - Nay  
Jeanmarie Wink - Nay  
Motion Failed.

Add Harbor Access Road Project as old business - a discussion item on the October 18, 2012 Workshop Meeting agenda.

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Board President Brian Fagan asked to have a motion to recess the Special Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing Steven Aragona.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No action will be taken.

At 7:30 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Kahn, second by Ms. Ruona, to adjourn the Special Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing Steven Aragona.

**ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING**

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, to adjourn Executive Session at 8:30 a.m.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce A. Kahn,  
Vice District Clerk